

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2260  
ANSWERED ON:03.12.2002  
ALLOTMENT OF LAND BY DDA  
BASUDEB ACHARIA

**Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn towards the news-item captioned `watch out for a temple complex along 50 acres of the Yamuna` appearing in the `Indian Express` dated September 6, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of the matter reported therein and reaction of the government thereto;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the DDA has by passed the norms for making the land allotted to the temple trust;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the Delhi Urban Arts Commission objected to the project citing the reason that a change in land use could adversely affect the ecology of the watershed and the underground aquifer; and
- (e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY ( URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION ( SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL )

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The Delhi Development Authority has reported that a plot of land measuring 12 hectares was allotted at the zonal variant rates to Bochasanwasi Shri Akshar Purushottam Sansthan at Yamuna River Front development area on 19.1.2000 for the purpose of construction of temple and cultural complex. On further request of the Society, an additional land measuring 11.5 hectares has also been allotted by DDA on 10.1.2002 out of which 6 hectares is meant for parking. The land has been handed over to the Society after the payment of demanded cost of the land.

(c) to (e): The DDA has further reported that statutory clearances as per norms have been obtained. The Delhi Urban Art Commission has reported that it has approved the layout and building plans in respect of Cultural Complex subject to certain conditions. The land use change from `Rural/Agricultural and Water Body` to `Public and Semi Public` use was notified by Government of India after following due procedure, including informing the public and inviting their objections and suggestions.